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Pub Grand Opening

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Staff Writer

Another round for everyone! A new pub will open to the students of Saint Leo University near the end of October, 1999. The establishment will be located at the front of the golf course across from the University College. Ben Donatelli, Vice President of Buisness Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, believes that this pub will give students a place to socialize that near to campus. "We think it gives them an alternative place to enjoy the campus. It brings a little bit of Tampa to them," he said.

According to Donatelli, the pub will also include a restaurant, which will give students the option to use their bonus bucks in exchange for meals. In addition, the pub will operate on a full liquor license and will employ a well-trained staff to see to the needs of the students. "Anybody who works in that facility will have the proper training and will use common sense," he said. Donatelli further stated that there will also be a designated driver program set up for students who need transportation back to their homes. This service will be provided by security.

Matt Gour, a psychology student, believes the pub not only gives students a place to socialize, but it also gives them a good place to go in their free time. He thinks that there is a very important safety issue attached to having a bar so close to the campus. "It eliminates people from driving any-

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University Change

Fatima Turay & Anna Bickford
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August 24,1999: on this day at 10:00 AM, Saint Leo College became the new Saint Leo University. This change signifies the beginning of a new era. After careful analysis of this institution, Dr. Kirk, its president, determined that Saint Leo was more complex and much larger than most private universities. So, in 1998, he began the long and involved process of changing Saint Leo to a university. "Saint Leo has been building toward this historic change for the past several years," said Kirk. "This status recognizes Saint Leo's size and complexity and advances our strategic vision as a 'Leading Catholic Teaching University of International Consequence for the Twenty-First Century.'" The change from college to university will recognize Saint Leo's commitment to the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Saint Leo has changed its name eleven times since the school was founded in 1889. Some names such as Saint Leo Military School, Saint Leo High School, Saint Leo

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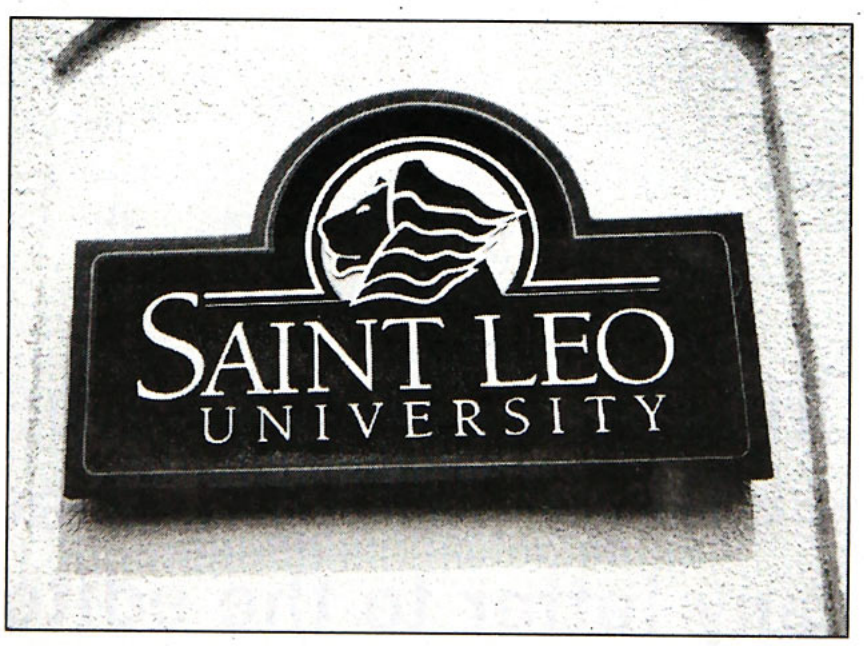

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EDITORIAL

Grading Scale Changes

As well as changing from a college to a university, Saint Leo has changed its grading scale as well. It is now more difficult to achieve a high GPA than it used to be. Grades that were acceptable last year to maintain scholarships, to stay in programs, etc. may no longer be good enough. It seems unfair that continuing students are being punished for turning in the same level of work as they did in previous years. It is one thing to alter the grade scale as it applies to new students, but it is something completely different to alter it as it applies to students who have been at Saint Leo for one or more years.

Why was the change necessary in the first place? The old grading scale was deemed adequate for many years and the old numeric scale is still used by Saint Leo's own master's program. Was there really any need to make it more difficult to get good grades than it was already? Dr. Astolfi, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, has made the point that the grades of Saint Leo's students are inflated, and that the change is part of an attempt to rectify that situation. However, I would like to offer the idea that perhaps Saint Leo's students' high grades have been earned through hard work. If Saint Leo's average grades are higher than those of other colleges and universities, then perhaps it is because Saint Leo's students are above average. I think that it is unfair to punish the student body for exceeding expectations.

The change in the grading scale may well adversely affect students' standing within various disciplines and scholarship programs. Many scholarships and academic programs require a specific GPA for one to be accepted or to remain a part of them. For example, the education program requires a 2.5 GPA. Under last year's system, this meant the students had to maintain a C+ average. Under the new system, however, this means that the students must maintain between a C+ and a B- average. Therefore, to achieve the same results, students must do more work.

Who made the decision to change the grading system? During my research I found that there was very little faculty participation in the decision. In fact, the majority of the faculty was not officially notified of the alteration until a faculty meeting that was held on the Wednesday before classes started. There were no student committees or student participation of any kind either. When the student body left for the summer, one grading scale was in place. When they returned, it had been supplanted by another. After the decision was made, there seemed to be little if any effort put into notifying the student body. No memos or e-mails were sent out to the students at large. A decision of this magnitude is something that the students have a right to know about. While it is true that the Student Government Union hosted a question and answer session on the issue in late September, it was not widely advertised to the student population. Also, the decision had already been made. I believe it was too little too late.

All in all, I feel that the new grading system is unfair to students who expected to continue under the old scale. Although past grades will not be affected, future grades will be. Would it not be better to apply this new scale to new students only? Even if this change was truly necessary, was it necessary to punish continuing students?

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Power Problems

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Saint Leo University is a voluntary participant in TECO Power's "load management program." This program allows TECO to turn off Saint Leo's power if they have difficulty in producing enough to serve all of their customers. The university is not consulted to determine if it is convenient for power to be lost at a given time.

At first glance, this may not seem like something that would of great concern to the student body. As Ben Donatelli, Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, said, "This has been a good arrangement for a number of years as TECO very rarely had to drop any customers." However, this was not the case during the last week of last year's spring semester. While students were writing final papers, preparing for exams, and even taking exams; the electricity was turned off on a number of occasions. These power outages often lasted several hours; and in many cases, the student body had little or no warning. Study time was adversely impacted and papers were lost. For example, Mike duDomaine, a senior education major, lost a significant portion of an important paper when his power (and his computer) was turned off. He had this to say, "People are upset and frustrated. They can't finish their papers, and there's no air conditioning." Mr. Donatelli explained the rash of outages in this manner: "Unfortunately last spring the weather turned very hot very early in the season causing electrical demand to increase before TECO and many other

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Generators were brought on campus to help the power problems last spring.

Honors Program

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The Honors Program has been a fixture on the Saint Leo scene since its inauguration in 1982. Like any organization on campus, the program has requirements that members have to achieve before being admitted: a high GPA in high school, high SAT scores, and high ACT scores. These traits help to provide the students with a common ground during their first semester as honors students.

The Honors Program follows a course guideline that has a foundation in the liberal arts. When asked what he thought students will learn from the program, Dr. Anderson stated, "They will learn something of the dialogical (conversational) and open-ended nature of thinking." This is a challenge for many instructors, but especially for Father Anthony Kissel, who began to teach Honors 151 last spring. In the beginning of the course, he said, "A couple of students suggested that some individuals in the program did not really apply themselves, or find the Honors Program/class challenging their intellectual potential." However, this view changed as the teacher and the students began to grow within the program. He continued, "Most members of the class began to be more attentive to the assigned readings, contributing to class discussions and to an enjoyable learning experience. I look forward with excitement to the opportunity to teach, and to learn with the class of 2003." When asked what she thought of of he growth of honors students, Cindy Daly, a sophomore, stated, "Some people went in with closed minds, but in the end we found a common ground."

Another new beginning for the Honors Program is the integration of class-

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Class of 2003

Heidi Huff
Staff Writer

Who's in the house? This year's freshmen class comes to Saint Leo from all over the world. Students have traveled from 21 different states and at least 5 different countries. The diversity of the states ranges from California, Michigan, Oregon, Wisconsin, New York, Hawaii, and many more. International students come from Brazil, England, Romania, the Virgin Islands, Spain and even as far as Turkey. However, as varied as the members of this class may seem, approximately 60% of the 210-220 students are Florida residents, according to admisssions.

For many of the students, Florida is a drastic change from their home state or country. Justin Ihara, Hawaiian native, stated, "Here there aren't any grass huts, and I don't have to hunt for my food." However, it is not only the material aspects that are different here. Romanian Tina Florea, noticed that the biggest difference was "people's conception about life."

For the most part, everyone seems to have a favorable opinion about Saint Leo University. Katie Anelli, Florida resident, commented that, "Everyone is really friendly here." Katie also stated her only complaint was "the distance from the freshman dorms to the rest of the campus." Justin Ihara appreciates Saint Leo's setting because "It's small and peaceful here."

Some students are already very homesick, and that will be the first time they will get to return home is Christam Break. While others, like Katie Anelli, who lives a short two hours away, have already gone back for a visit. She said, "I wouldn't want to be any farther away. This way I can go home on the weekends if I want to."

Everyone comes to Saint Leo University for different initial reasons, but hopefully all feel welcome here. Our main goal is to unite and make this a makeshift home, at least for the time being.

MEET YOUR SGU

Back Row L to R: Matt Yarber, Jason Barcomb Front Row Lto R: Elliot Leasiolsi, Tim Spell & Sarah Hard

Katie Sewell
Staff Writer

President Matthew Franklin Yarber, is a senior majoring in International Studies and History. He was previously President of Student Government at PHCC. As a matter of fact, he was featured in the "Florida Leader" magazine. He also sat on the twelve-member board that ran all twenty-eight Community Colleges in the state of Florida for the former governor, Lawton Chiles. He says his goal for Student Government this year is "to effectively represent the students to the faculty and administration."

Vice-President of Operations, Jason Barcomb is a senior majoring in Sport Management. Last year he served as President of the junior class. His goal for Student Government is to get the students to come to the SGU meetings and voice their opinions. He has one request: "Please come to the meetings and get involved." Barcomb has no future political aspirations, but has considered being a motivational speaker.

Executive Secretary Sarah Hard, is a junior majoring in Social Work. This is Hard's second year as Executive Secretary of SGU. Last year, Hard represented Saint Leo at the National Conference on Student Services, where she became a Certified Student Government Leader. Prior to being executive secretary she was Academic Chair her freshman year. Her goal for this year's SGU is to "get more students involved in activities and organizations on campus."

Director of Finance Elliot Leasiolagi, is a sophomore majoring in Business Administration, Economics. Last year, he served as Vice-President of the freshman class. Although he has not had previous experience with SGU Finance, he has been an intern on Wall Street for the past four summers and has gotten used to dealing with finances for his family's business. His goal for this year's SGU is to "organize the SGU budget more and to promote the Student Government."

Director of Communications Tim Spell, is a senior majoring in Business Administration, Marketing. This is his first year on the executive board of SGU. Last year,

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Club Profile: PSYCH

John Barningham
Staff Writer

The Psychology Club, located at Saint Leo University, will jump back into action after its summertime siesta. Beginning on September 15, meetings will be held in the Cage every Wednesday at 12:30 PM.

According to Amy Wilson, president of the Psychology Club, some of the activities that will be taking place during this semester will include trips to The Florida Mental Health Institute, The Malibu Grand Prix, and a series of psychology presentations at the University of South Florida. "This year the Psychology Club wants to make fun for people interested in the psychological field of study, to learn more about their specified interests, and to be involved with their community," she said.

Dr. Richard Bryan, Moderator for the Psychology Club, also has high hopes for this year's club. "Based on the goals and experiences of this year's officers, I am really hopeful that this year will be full of activities that fulfill the purposes of the Psychology Club: to participate in leadership skills, to develop camaraderie, and to develop leadership skills," he said. In addition, he feels that this club will create an invaluable outside class learning experience for students interested in the psychology major. Bryan also hopes that PSYCHI, a national honors society for psychology majors and graduates, will take an active role in further promoting the activities of the Psychology Club.

Even students outside of the psychological field of study say that they can see the potential this club offers. According to Page Batton, a biology major, "It would help create awareness for incoming students who don't know about what the field of psychology entails." In addition, Joane Beauvais, a criminology major, feels that it would give the opportunity for ideas about psychology to be exchanged back and forth between the students.

For further information about how to participate in the Psychology Club contact Amy Wilson at (352) 588-8787 or Dr. Richard Bryan at (352) 588-8418.

New Faces at Saint Leo 5

Dr. Dan Moore

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Staff Writer

Every year many new people join the staff at Saint Leo University. This year, Dan Moore was welcomed as a new Associate Professor of Psychology.

Hailing from the Asheville, North Carolina area, Moore attained his highest degree, his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. His specialization is personality and relationships. Moore learned of the opening at Saint Leo through an advertisement in the American Psychological Association Monitor. In his spare time, he plays in a band with other faculty from Saint Leo—"Time Warp."

Moore teaches a wide variety of psychology courses here, ranging from Introduction to Psychology to Human Sexuality. "I treat all my classes the way I had classes up at the University of North Carolina at Asheville," Moore said. "There was great individual attention."

Freshman John Rankin, a student in Moore's Introduction to Psychology class enjoys class. "The subject material is interesting. I like his class," Rankin said.

Sophomore Michael Iafrato feels

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Dr. Balbir Sigh Bal

Fatima Turay
Staff Writer

Dr. Balbir Sigh Bal is a new faculty member at Saint Leo University. He joins the team as an Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems.

Dr. Bal is originally from Punjab, Northern India. He got his B.S.E at the University of Panjab, India, before moving to Great Britain in 1974. There he did his post-graduate studies at the University of Wales, Great Britain and got his masters degree in Biochemistry. He got his PH.D in Computer Science at Aston University, Birmingham, Great Britain.

Dr. Bal was a professor at Sandwell College, Great Britain, for twenty-one years, during which time he taught chemistry for ten years and computer science for eleven years. He is married, with a son who attends the University of Wales and a daughter who plans to attend a university in the United States.

Dr. Bal is excited to be part of the Saint Leo community and says that the students and faculty

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Prof. Simack Bondari

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Professor Siamack Bondari is beginning his first year of teaching at Saint Leo University. He teaches classes in Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, and College Algebra. According to Bondari, he mainly teaches freshman. "He's really helpful if you don't understand something," Freshman Amber Davis, one of Bondari's College Algebra students, said.

Bondari graduated from Iowa State University, where he gained an interest for Algebra and Linear Algebra. "I always liked mathematics and became interested in the topics a professor was working on," Bondari said.

Since this is his first year of teaching at Saint Leo University, Bondari is not yet active in extracurricular activities. However, he has enjoyed his time at Saint Leo University a great deal, and hopes to be in more activities in the near future."I really, really like it here. I like the friendly atmosphere. I like my colleagues. I like my students in classes so far," Bondari said.

Father Michael Cooper

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The University has acquired a new Director of University Ministry, Father Michael Cooper. Just recently, Father Cooper came to Saint Leo, replacing Sister Candace. His duties include heading up the Samaritans service group, celebrating the Mass. Also, Father Michael is heading up the Conference of Catholic and Jewish Studies, in order to promote an understanding between the two religions. In addition, other activities that are planned to take place include faith sharing groups, retreats, and yoga classes. With the help of the University chaplains, Father Michael also hopes to get more students involved in the Mass and other religious services. According to Father Michael, should be more reflective, prayerful, and socially engaged. Father Michael Cooper is a welcome addition to The University.

Dr. Robert Criss

Heidi Huff
Staff Writer

Okay, he's not really a mad scienist. But I'm sure everyone would like to know how he's so peppy in the morning. Dr. Criss claims he doesn't drink coffee and usually doesn't even get a chance to eat breakfast in the morning. So, how does he do it? The secret to his success is simply his fascination with science. Or as he put it, "it's [science] cool." Well whatever it is, it seems to be working.

Dr. Criss grew up in Auburn, Alabama, and attended college there as well. He later moved on to grad school in Dallas at the University of Texas. He has also lived and worked in San Francisco, California, as well as Virginia. Dr. Criss has been a researcher in government contracts, an engineer in Silicon Valley, and a teacher at Randolf-Macon Women's College in Virginia. He came to Saint Leo because he strongly values a liberal arts education.

Dr. Criss feels that universities these days are

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SPORTS UPDATES

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY
SPORTS NEWS

*****VOLLEYBALL (14-7)*****

Win Streak Ends at Eight...The women's volleyball team's win streak ended at eight matches on Saturday, tying the school record set in 1987. The Lions' overall record now stands at 14-7 and it is 1-1 in Sunshine State Conference play.
Lions Ranked No. 6 in Region...For the first time in coach Bill Lent's tenure, the Saint Leo women's volleyball team is ranked in the region. The Lions were ranked No. 6 in the Sept. 21 AVCA/NCAA Division II South Region poll. Big Weekend…The Lions travel to Clearwater Christian College on Tuesday for a non-conference match at 7:00 p.m.. The squad returns to Sunshine State Conference with three key home matches this weekend. On Friday the Lions host Florida Tech at 7:30 PM, before meeting Rollins College Saturday afternoon at 3:30 PM. The weekend concludes with a 1 o'clock match against Barry University on Sunday afternoon. No. 5 Tampa Wins in Four...Defending SSC champion University of Tampa defeated Saint Leo 15-3, 11-15, 15-3, 15-9 at home on Saturday afternoon, ending the Lions eight-match win streak. The Lions did manage to win the second game of the match, marking the first time Saint Leo has defeated Tampa in a game since 1994. Freshman Tiffany Boatwright had 17 kills and 11 blocks to lead Tampa (8-3, 2-0), ranked No. 5 in Division II, to the victory. Sophomore Shelby Jordan led the Lions with 15 kills and Amy Hutson had 20 digs in the loss. Lions Open SSC Play with a victory over Eckerd…The Lions opened SSC play with a victory at home over Eckerd College Wednesday night. SLU defeated the Tritons 15-8, 15-4 and 15-8 for its first three-game sweep over Eckerd since 1997. Sophomore outside hitter Amy Hutson had a team-high 14 kills and eight digs, while sophomore outside hitter Shelby Jordan had nine kills and seven digs. As a team, the Lions hit.370 in the victory with 41 kills and 11 errors in 81 attempts. Lions Among SSC Leaders...Kristy Johnson, the school's all-time career kills leader, is among the SSC leaders in attacking this season. The senior from London, OH is ranked 13th in the conference with a .262 attack percentage. Junior Amy Hutson is among the SSC leaders in serving averaging .46 aces per game. Hutson, from Glen Burnie, MD, is also among the conference leaders averaging 3.10 digs per game. Setter Jennifer Molby is fifth in the conference with an average of 9.88 assists per game. Florea Expected to Return this Weekend....Freshman standout Cristiana Florea missed Saturday's match against Tampa with a sprained ankle. She will also sit out Tuesday night's match at Clearwater Christian but is expected to return to the Lion lineup this weekend. Florea leads the team averaging 3.56 kills and 3.14 digs per game.

*****MEN'S SOCCER (4-3)*****

Back Above .500...The Saint Leo men's soccer team improved to 4-3 with its victory over Webber College on Monday afternoon. SSC Play Begins...Saint Leo will play its first Sunshine State Conference match of the 1999 season on Saturday afternoon when it hosts Rollins College at 1 o'clock. Rollins, receiving votes in the national poll, opened its SSC season with a win over Eckerd last week. Saint Leo 3, Webber 2…After a scoreless first half, Saint Leo out- dueled NAIA foe Webber College over the final 45 minutes for the 3-2 win on Monday afternoon. Grant Wortz got the Lions on the board in the 57th minute off a double assist from Cas Sumner and Matt Gour. Sumner then added his fourth goal of the season off assists from David Cuoco and Steve Adams. Cuoco then scored the game-winner on a penalty-kick in the 67th minute. Keeper JD Doyle made four saves for the Lions. Lions Fall in Miami…Saint Leo held a 2-0 lead before surrendering three second-half goals in an eventual rain-soaked 3-2 loss at St. Thomas University Saturday afternoon in Miami. Sophomore midfielder Cas Sumner notched his second goal of the season off an assist from junior forward David Cuoco in he 36th minute. The 1-0 halftime lead extended to 2-0 in the 60th minute, when senior forward Alan Foy converted a penalty kick. St. Thomas then scored three times in the final 30 minutes for the victory. Team Stats...Through seven matches, the Saint Leo men's soccer team has outscored its opponents 16-15. The Lions also have four more assists than their opponents and have taken 55 shots on goal to their opponents' 41. Sumner, Cuoco Take over Scoring Lead...Cas Sumner and David Cuoco had three points each in Monday's game and both now have 10 points for the season. Junior David Cuoco, a second team All-SSC selection in 1998, has three goals and four assists. Sumner leads with four goals and has two assists. The sophomore from Dade City has scored in each of the Lions' last three matches. Sophomore John Quinn is third on the team in scoring with eight points this season.

*****CROSS COUNTRY*****

Men place seventh at Florida Southern …The Saint Leo men's cross- country team placed seventh at the Moccasin Invitational in Lakeland with a team score of 221. Host Florida Southern won the team competition with a score of 26. Langen Sets Personal Bests… Scott Langen set a personal best time of 28:13 at the Moccasin Invitational to finish eighth, also the highest finish of his career. The junior from Stanhope, NJ shaved 1:52 off his previous best time of 30:05, that he posted at the Florida Intercollegiate championships last season. Other finishers in Lakeland on Saturdayincluded Danny Murphy (31:48), Mark Meyer (34:45), Matt Wilson (35:25), Patrick Clemens (36:31) and Laude Saint-Preux (38:26). Women's Results…Saint Leo did not post a team score at the Moccasin Invitational over the weekend but several individuals had strong showings.
Tacy Amering finished 12th overall to lead the Lion runners. The junior from Rochester, NY recorded a time of 21:21 over the 5,000-meter course. Kat Lukasiewicz (24:29); Kate McCall (24:59); and Courtney Cappello (28:53) also competed.

Up next…Both the Saint Leo men's and women's cross country teams travel to Orlando to compete in the Disney Invitational.

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Commuter Nightmares

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Intern Writer

Top ten reasons why students hate commuting to and from classes.

#10 The extra hour added to your already long commute because one county or another has decided to improve a perfectly good road.
#9 The little old man that you can barely see over the back of his seat whose antique blinker has been on since 1955.
#8 The same old man's wife who doesn't realize turning left just before you turn right can be more than dangerous.
#7 The constant need to use the rest room and the lack of rest areas on the interstate.
#6 The commuter next to you on the interstate who woke up an hour after you because she has this overwhelming talent to drive and apply make-up at the same time.
#5 Having to walk almost as far as you drive because student population is growing faster than parking spaces are becoming available.
#4 The average student commuter who wants to commute with you to save money because he or she doesn't have any!
#3 The typical University student who wants to commute with you to keep you company, but has nothing to say!
#2 The law now prohibits driving while under the influence of the WEB.

And. The **#1** reason why students hate commuting to and from classes

You now are required to take the truck route because University book requirements add an additional thousand pounds to your car's overall weight capacity.

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doing a poor job of producing well-rounded individuals. His personal goal is to improve technical literacy. He feels that, at the rate technology is advancing, people without a scientific background will be left behind. Keep people awake! Dr. Criss uses an interesting approach to relay his enthusiasm and energy to his students. His methods include a combination of dynamic demonstrations and repetition.

On a more personal note, he leads an exciting off-campus life as well. Dr. Criss's interests and hobbies include church, Habitat for Humanity, cooking, and parasailing. He's married, but no kids yet, only a cat. The Mad Scientist said, "I like to try new things." However, it wasn't always like that. He also stated, "I was 26 before I ever tasted sour cream."

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Academy, and Benedictine High School. Also, Saint Leo has been named "Saint Leo College" four different times.

Students around campus have noticed several changes, including such things as more faculty members, remodeling, tuition increases, laptops in every room, more graduate programs, and changes in the curriculum. "There have been a lot of changes made to the campus for the better, and I hope to see more advanced classes introduced," said Carla Zint. Besides the remodeling being done, no further physical changes are going to be made in the near future. However, there are internal changes being made, such as the increased number of students and faculty. This is an exciting time for students and faculty at Saint Leo University!

SAINT LEO'S # 1 NATIONAL A WARD- WINNING STUDENT OR GANIZA TION

The Saint Leo American Marketing Association (AMA) chapter is a student-run organization, overseen by a faculty advisor. It is an award-winning organization- 10 consecutive years-that allows students to meet other students and business professionals while gaining valuable experience in preparing for future careers.

MAKE VALUABLE PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS

The Saint Leo AMA provides on-campus monthly speakers from the business community. It also participates in the Tampa business chapter of the AMA and the Florida chapter of the Direct Mail Association, each of which have several hundred business members. The Saint Leo AMA pays for the most active students to accompany the faculty advisor to seminars given by these organizations.

CAREER PREPARATION

The chapter's top students earn the right to attend the national AMA meeting held annually in New Orleans, all expenses paid!! To raise funds for the trip and other projects, the Saint Leo AMA sells care packages to parents for students during finals week, provides a canteen for staff, sells the advertising in the Saint Leo student newspaper "The Monarch," and sells Saint Leo logo watches and clocks. The result: You will learn about personal selling, advertising layout and design, direct mail, budgeting, and inter-personal skills. In general, skills necessary to succeed in any career. If elected a chapter officer, you will be responsible for an organization with over 25 members and an annual budget of over $8,000.

FULL- AND PART-TIME JOBS

Through the business chapter of the AMA and monthly speakers, the Saint Leo AMA can help locate internships and full-time positions for you after graduation. You may also list your resume with the Tampa business chapter of the AMA for full-time positions.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION

The Saint Leo AMA is open to all students-not just business majors. It requires no prior experience, only a willingness to learn. To learn more about the Saint Leo AMA contact:

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8 New Faces in Old Places

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Staff Writer

For many returning students, the name "Dr. Vitale" may sound familiar. Dr. Vitale has worked for Saint Leo Student Affairs for the past two years as the Director of Counseling. She took over the position of Interim Director of Student Affairs upon Dr. Maureen Powers' leaving. Dr. Powers reportdly left to move closer to her family. Dr. Vitale spent the last 10 years in student affairs work, primarily at the University of South Dakota where she served as staff psychologist at the Student Counseling Center. She was also an adjunct member of the faculty and taught graduate and undergraduate courses before joining Saint Leo as the Director of Counseling in 1997. She has published in the areas of Rape Counseling and College Student Motivation. The American Mental Health Counselors' Association also awarded her The 1997-1998 National Mental Health Counselor of the Year Award.

As Dr. Vitale begins her third year here at Saint Leo, there are several changes that greet her. Dr. Vitale says, "It is an exciting time to be at Saint Leo." Dr. Vitale took over the position of Interim Director of Student Affairs on August 15th, right before Saint Leo became a University. "As a division, I hope to provide a steadiness in the transition of Dr. Powers leaving." Although the turnover rate in Student Affairs has been high, Dr. Vitale believes that things are improving with time. The new faces in Student Affairs include Dr. John Schlicker Sr. as the Interim Director of Student Counseling Services, Julie Ciccarone as Director of Residence Life, Sarah Richard-Armedlouz as Assistant Director of Residence Life and Hall Director for Alumni and Roderick Halls, and Michael Ryan as Hall Director of Benoit Hall. Dr. Vitale is pleased to be working with the outstanding staff in DeChantal Hall.

On a personal note, Dr. Vitale would like to say the following: "I would like to warmly welcome our International students into the Saint Leo University College. I am excited about the implementation of our international program. It is an outstanding opportunity for all of us to interact. My door is always open, and I will always return calls and messages within a 12-24 hour time period. There is no issue that we can't work out together. As the new SLU steps into the year 2000, I hope that we can re-establish a sense of pride in who we are as students, faculty, and staff of Saint Leo University."

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A Sad Farewell

Jennifer Hawley
Assistant Editor

The Saint Leo University community mourns the loss of Addie Poznar, who passed away in August. The student body may remember Mrs. Poznar from her work in the writing center, where she served as a tutor until the end of last semester. Professor Maura Snyder had this to say of her work, "In my opinion, she was the best tutor we have ever had." Lauri Barton, who worked closely with Mrs. Poznar, has fond memories of her: "Addie loved her students. She loved her job. She was always happy to help anyone who came into the office." As Dr. Mary Spoto, head of the English department remarked, "She was a very knowledgeable, dedicated tutor, with prior experience as a teacher. We were very fortunate to have her. Students would request her from year to year." Before coming to Saint Leo, Mrs. Poznar taught at Pasco High School. Shortly after the end of the semester, she underwent a heart surgery. Soon thereafter, she slipped into a coma and died about a month later. As Professor Snyder said, "We'll miss her in the writing center. She was a nice person."

Addie Poznar is survived by her husband, Dr. Poznar (a Saint Leo English professor), and their three children. In lieu of flowers, the Poznar family asks that donations be made to the Saint Leo University Library in Mrs. Poznar's name. The sympathy of the entire Monarch newspaper staff goes out to the Poznar family.

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he was a member of the SGU Production Crew. "I'd like to be able to get more commuters involved in SGU activities by advertising to them through the Commuter Chair." He also wants to get information out to all students about upcoming events ahead of time. This way, anyone who would like to participate in the events may do so. Spell plans on doing his best to inform students of Student Government events.

Activities Coordinator Melinda Amaral, is a junior majoring in Psychology. She has had no previous experience in Student Government. Her goal for this year's SGU is to have more student involvement in the decision making process for activities. "I want to be able to accommodate students with the activities they want and do more activities than the SGUs of the past." Amaral is busy planning activities to places like Pleasure Island and Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios.

The Student Government Union Executive Board Members have all said the same thing as far as politics after college. As much as they are enjoying their Saint Leo University experience, none wish to pursue politics after college.

The Student Government Meetings are every Monday at 4:30 in Selby Auditorium. All students are welcome.

Have an opinion on a school topic or issue?
Get involved, write a letter to the editor!!

Food: Pancho's Villa

Jay Kubica
Staff Writer

San Antonio harbors many wonders, one of which is a Mexican restaurant unsurpassed in culinary excellence and ethnic atmosphere. This restaurant is Pancho's Villa, and it serves beans, lots of beans.

Pancho's Villa lies in downtown San Antonio, nestled snugly in the heart of the bustling commercial district. Being in San Antonio, those at Pancho's Villa know what picante sauce tastes like. According to Kathy Franks, an employee at Pancho's Villa, their salsa and chips, as well as most of the rest of the menu items, are homemade. For students at Saint Leo University, Pancho's Villa is a favorite food provider. "I enjoy eating there: good service, reasonable prices, and real Mexican food," Freshman Sean Marshall said.

"It's a quaint little place with great food," Freshman Amber Davis said.

"The John Wayne cutout is the coolest!" Davis added. A typical meal at Pancho's Villa starts out with a basket of warm tortilla chips and fresh salsa, in both hot and mild varieties. The burritos, chimichanga, enchiladas, and fajitas are the most popular entrees. The chimichanga platter comes with a healthy serving of cheese-covered beans, sour cream, guacamole, and rice. The chimichanga itself is a supple flour tortilla filled to capacity with hot beef. The fun doesn't stop there; oh no. Pancho's offers several freshly made Mexican desserts that are truly irresistible. Among the offerings are flan, fried ice cream, and a platter of sugar- and honey-coated pastries. The fried ice cream is made by coating ice cream in Angel Food cake and frying it. Pancho's Villa is a landmark of culinary excellence in San Antonio.

Movie: *Blair Witch Project*

Nikki Franchini
Staff Writer

Picture this: Two UCF students make an independent movie about a witch. The media hypes it as the scariest movie this year. " I kept squeezing my girlfriend's hand and my back was sweating. I really got into it," explains Joe Crook, a junior. He went on, with intensity, telling his version of the *Blair Witch Projec*t.

This low-budget film starts out with three film students planning to film a documentary about a witch who lives in the Burkittsville, Maryland woods. Got you yet? The plot thickens when the group goes out into the woods and starts filming about the myths that they have gathered from the town- folk. Odd things start happening to the group and the legend of the Blair Witch becomes real. You are so caught up in the movie that you do not get a chance to refill your orange soda.

"I thought it was too real and my girlfriend started crying," comments Eamon Parcels, a freshman. This movie is definitely a "grab me, honey, I am scared" film. "This movie really makes you think. I thought it was awesome," comments Heather Rivera, a freshman. I have seen it twice and recommend it to people who appreciate the artistic value it holds. This movie will keep you on the edge of your seat begging for more. Check out the web site dedicated to this fantastic film at http://www.blairwitch.com. Beware though, we might have our own Blair Witch in the Saint Leo woods.

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10 Greek Column

Regina Garra &
Janice Burford
Staff Writers

The Greek Council is entering its 5th year as a united organization. The 1999-2000 officers are: President, Regina Guerra; Vice President, Kiara Wilson; Treasurer, Meagan Gillick; Secretary, Becky Schulte; Men's Rush, Pete Motherway; Women's Rush, Jacki Gay; Social Chair, Bambi Daignault; and Athletic Chair, Janelle Haley.

The Greek Council consists of 10 Greek Social Organizations: six Fraternities and four Sororities. There are two types of Greek organizations: local and national. Local means that the organization was specifically created for this campus. National means that the organization was begun on a campus and has expanded nation-wide with different chapters at different campuses.

This year, Greek Council is working on its internal structure and campus-wide visibility. The two main structural changes are a splitting of the Vice Presidency and a New Member Article in the Greek Council Constitution which includes a Probation period and Probation Committee.

The splitting of the Vice Presidency will allow a more balanced representation on the executive board. The new titles will be Vice President of Sororities and Vice President of Fraternities. The New Member Article and the Probation Period and Committee allows new groups to become part of Greek Council. Both of these new ideas will stabilize the Greek Council and enable the Greek Community to take a more active role in the campus community.

This year the Greek Council will be adopting a spot on campus for a campus clean up and participating in various campus and community activities such as: Fall Festival, Community Service Day, Rattle Snake Festival, Greek Week, Greek Formal, and many other up coming events.

The Greek Council meetings are held every Thursday at 5:00pm in Crawford Hall. All are welcome to come and see what is going on or to ask questions about Greek life in general.

Honors from page 3

room learning with the use of computers. This began last year with the freshmen students. Dr. Reynolds sees the computers as tools and says, "We are exploring the ways in which computers can be used to enhance a great books/collective-discussion teaching format." This seems to be the consensus among the students. Lou Schaber, a sophomore, has said, "I feel the use of computers in Honors is beneficial to myself and other students in the program. It gives all of us a chance to learn more about our technological environment." Kurt van Wilt, the Freshman Honors English instructor, sees the computers as having "an aesthetic element to them in designing web pages and recording work."

The Honors Program has been growing ever since its birth in 1982. The students and faculty alike hope that the Program will continue to grow in the years to come.

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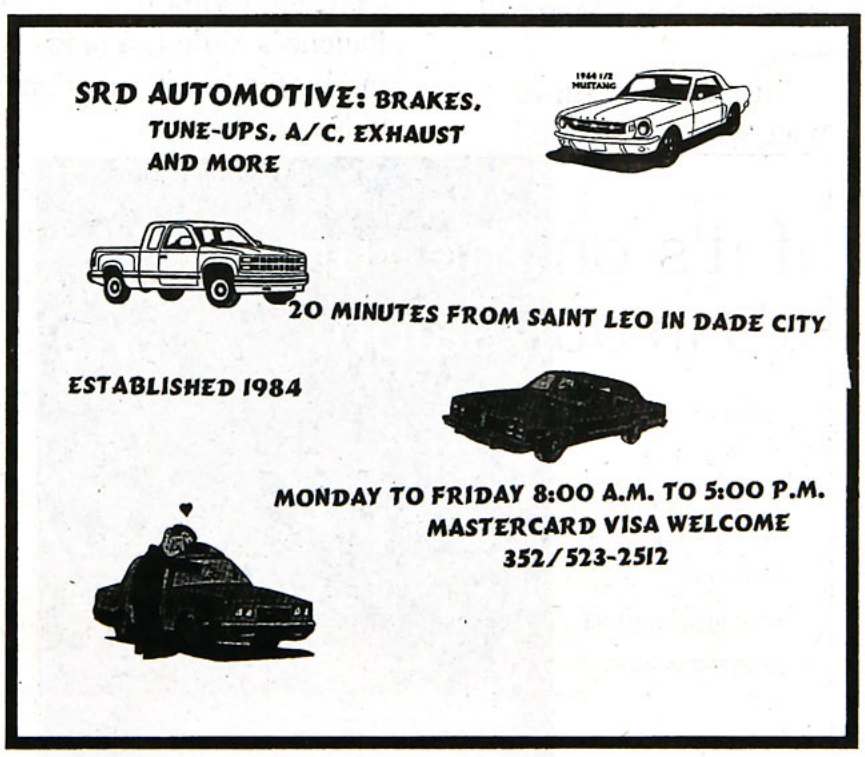
where. They are less likely to drink and drive," he said. Moreover, Shan Anderson, an English major, feels that this establishment will open up a completely new social avenue for students. "It seems year after year students are screaming for activities to do on campus, and with the closing of the coffeehouse, it's nice to know the school is finding other alternatives," she said.

Tom Shea, Men's and Women's Golf Coach for Saint Leo, claims that the pub will also be a great opportunity to bring in some extra business for the golf club. "It will be a great avenue to bring in outside activities," he said.

If you have any suggestions concerning the future name of the pub, please contact Ben Donatelli at (352) 588-8215.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Power from pg 3

Florida utilities had finished the normal winter preventive maintenance work on their generators. Also there was a major explosion and a fire in a TECO generating facility. These events caused TECO to drop more customers than it had ever dropped during non-summer months."

To allow students to finish the year in some comfort, Saint Leo rented several generators to power the cafeteria, classrooms, and various other buildings. The main emphasis was on buildings that see the most use during the hotter daylight hours. Therefore, buildings such as resodence halls were not a top priority. This rental cost the school over $35,000.

TECO normally drops customers only during the hottest parts of the year, and when contacted, Mr. Donatelli did not believe that any such outages would occur at any time during this semester. However, on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, the faculty was informed that a power outage was expected to occur. This situation has the ability to impact large numbers of students simultaneously.

Saint Leo University plans to remain a part of this "load management program." According to Mr. Donatelli, $500,000 has been saved as a consequence of Saint Leo's long-term participation in this plan. However, in order to prevent the inconvenience of last year from reoccurring, Saint Leo plans to construct a backup power generation system at some point during the coming year.

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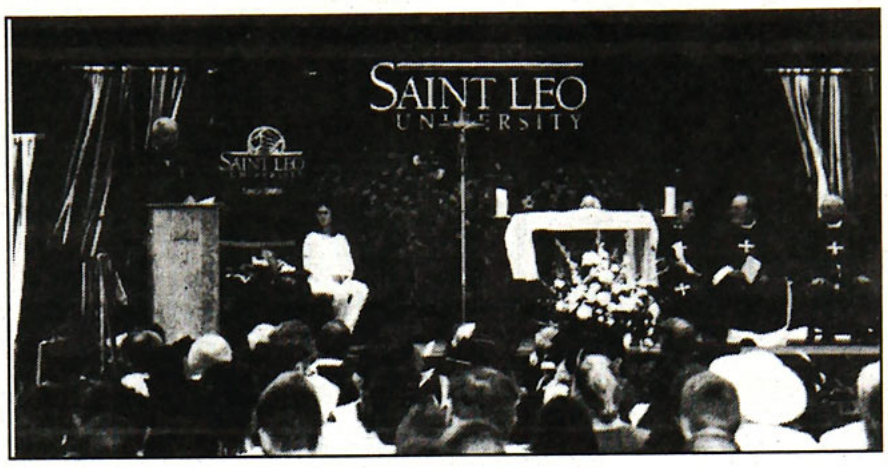
12 Convocation

Shannon Letcher
Staff Writer

On September 2nd, students and faculty attended the 11th Annual Convocation for the 1999-2000 school year, the first here at Saint Leo University. The Mass was celebrated by Father Michael Cooper, S.J., S.T.D. For some students, it was just another convocation. However, for first year and transfer students, it was a new adventure, as they began their long road to the ultimate goal of receiving their University diploma. Two first-year students presented Dr. Kirk a plaque with the new university logo and the signatures of the new students. With the new alma mater, the return of the lion as mascot and the name change, the convocation had a feeling of merriment and new beginnings for everyone. Yhe students were blessed to have our new alma mater performed with an intense amount of emotion by Carrie Corbett, accompanied by Dr. Adrienne Shannon. It was written by our own Professor Kurt Van Wilt. Dr. Kirk presented the University's first president, Fr. Stephen Herrman, with the presidential medallion. Until this year, he was the only president who had not received this medallion. In addition, the keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Atwell, the President Emeritus of the American Council on Education. He was presented with the University's first Doctor of Humane Letters degree. He spoke of economics and its effects upon the political system, along with many other things. Sophomore Michael Iafrato, who has been a student at Saint Leo since 1993, stated, "Of all of the convocations I have attended, this was the largest and most spiritual. It is a great start to the new Saint Leo University."



11th Annual Saint Leo Convocation.
Leonard Umhoefer -Photo

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are very friendly. He likes computers and stresses the fact that without them we would be "lost", and it is important for everyone to be able to operate them. He jokes about having to take a driving test again despite the fact that he has been driving for the past twenty-five years.

Dr. Bal's office is located in Saint Edward Hall room 214. He welcomes any visitors and is looking forward to meeting those interested in Computer Science.

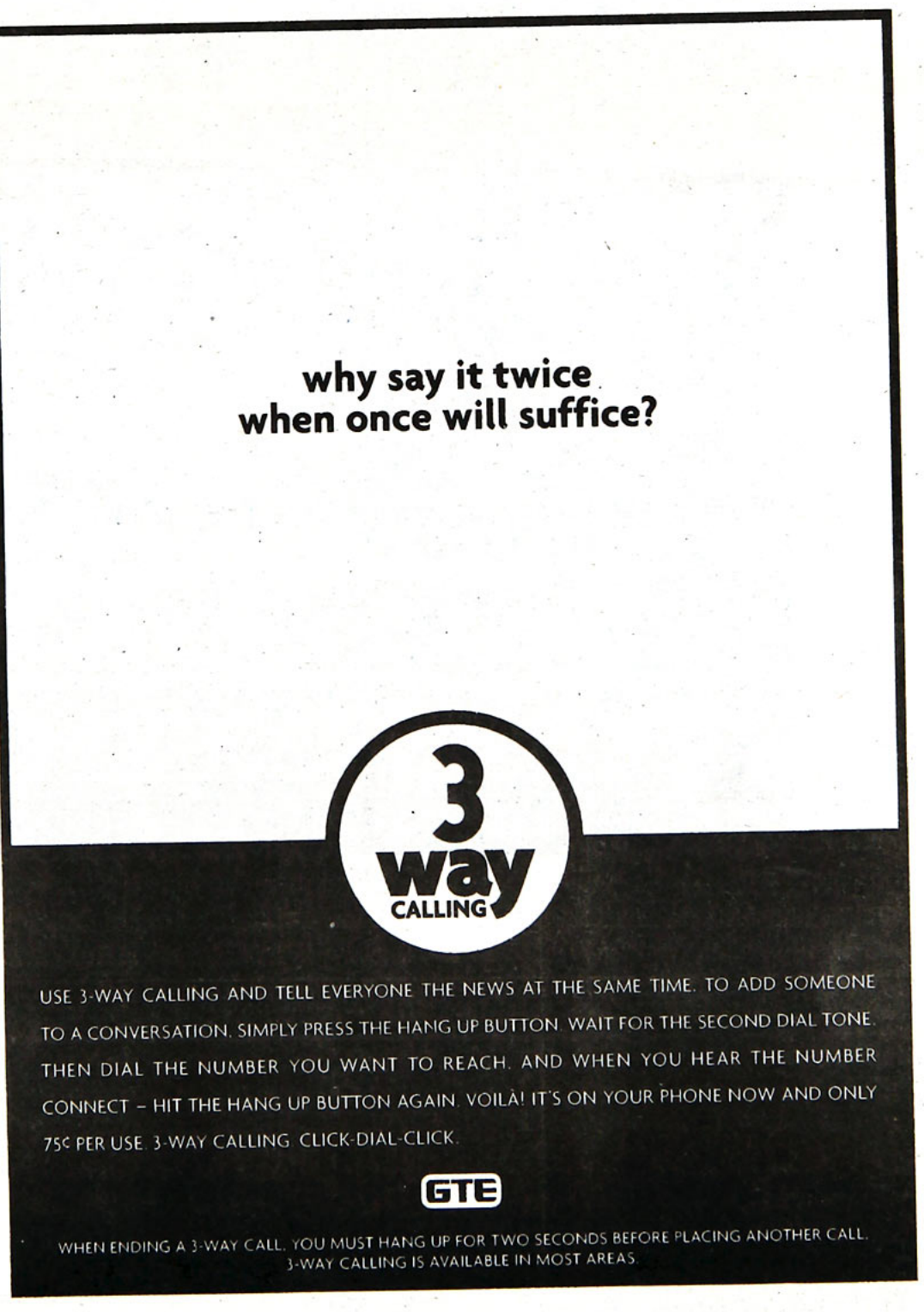
Moore from pg 5

Moore is a asset to the department. "He is a great addition to the department," Iafrato said. "We will learn so much from him."

Moore hopes to teach his classes valuable lessons for the future. He has wise words of advice for the student body. "Embrace all you can to foward the mission of the university—becoming a leading Catholic University with International consequence. By way of doing this, you have given yourselves more opportunities while leaving a legacy for those who follow."

Dean of Arts and Sciences John Wozniak

Any interest in forming a student pep band or brass band to play at campus events? If you are interested, send an e-mail to john.wozniak@saintleo.edu along with a list of the instruments(s) you play. If there is sufficient interest, we will hold an informational meeting later this month.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